"वापसी यात्रा" के लिए रेल आरक्षण की सुविधा

*119. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे द्वारा सभी रेल गाड़ियों में द्वितीय श्रेणी के यात्रियों को "वापसी यात्रा" के आरक्षण की सुविधा दी जाती है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो द्वितीय श्रेणी के यात्रियों के लिए वापसी यात्रा के आरक्षण की सुविधा की योजना को कब तक आरम्भ कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) कुछ महत्वपूर्ण मेल/एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों के लिए गाड़ी के प्रारम्भिक स्टेशनों तथा कुछ अन्य महत्वपूर्ण स्टेशनों पर वापसी यात्रा के लिए कोटे की व्यवस्था की गयी है ताकि यात्री अपने वास्ते वापिसी यात्रा के लिए पुष्ट आरक्षण प्राप्त कर सकें। यह सुविधा ऊंचे दर्जे तथा दूसरे दर्जे के यात्रियों के लिए सुलभ है। आवंटित कोटे से अधिक अनुरोध प्राप्त होने या इस प्रकार के कोटे की व्यवस्था न होने के मामलों में वापिसी यात्रा के लिए संबंधित आरक्षण कार्यालयों को नि: शुल्क आरक्षण सन्देश भेजे जाते हैं और आरक्षणों की पुष्टि कर दी जाती है बशर्ते स्थान उपलब्ध हो।

Medium of instruction in Navodaya Schools

*120. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce regional languages as a medium of instruction in Navodaya Schools; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Admission to Navodaya Vidyalayas is made in Class VI. In view of the fact that most of the students so admitted would have been taught earlier through the medium of mother-tongue/regional language, instruction will be through the same medium upto VII or VIII Class, during which time intensive teaching of Hindi/English, both as language subjects and co-media will be undertaken. Through the use of media and of *modern techniques of teaching languages*, switch-over to Hindi/English after VII or VIII class would present no difficulty. Thereafter the common-medium would be Hindi/English in all Navodaya Vidyalayas.

Amendment to Post Office Savings Bank Rules

491. SHRI J. P GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Post Office Savings Bank Rules have been amended in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details of the amendments made in the said Rules;

(c) whether it is a fact that previously a Post Office Savings Bank Account was treated as 'siltent' if no transaction was made for six complete years and now it has been reduced to three years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this amendment applies to Motor Vehicle Security Deposits Accounts with the Post Office;

(e) if so, the justification thereof when such Pass Book is hardly released by the booking companies before five Years or more; and

(f) whether these amendments were given wide publicity and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes Sir, the Post Office Savings Account Rules, 1981 have been amended effectibe from 1-2-1987.

(b) The details of the amendments made are as under:—

(i) No account shall be opened with a deposit of a sum less than twenty rupees.

(ii) No subsequent deposit shall be of a sum of less than five rupees.

(iii) No withdrawal shall be for a sum less than five rupees.

(iv) No withdrawal shall be permitted which has the effect of reducing the balance to less than twenty rupees in an account not having cheque facility and one hundred rupees in an account in which cheque facility has been provided.

(v) The fraction of a rupee in deposits and withdrawals shall be in multiples of five paise.

(vi) No interest shall be allowed on an account for any month in which the balance at credit is below twenty rupees at any time between tenth and last date of the month.

(vii) No interest shall be allowed on any account for any year in which the amount of interest for the year is less than one rupee.

(viii) An account in which a deposit of withdrawal has not taken place for three complete years shall be treated as silent acquent.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Account opened for depositing Security in connection with purchase of a Motor Vehicle is a particular type of Saving account. Such accounts are also covered by amendment to Post Office Savings Account Rules, 1981.

(e) The system of treating the savings account as silent is in existence for a long time. This is to ensure the safety of the depositors accounts when they become inoperative for long spells of time. Extra care, therefore, needs to be taken in permitting transactions, specially wihdrawals, only in genuine cases. The reduction in the period from six years to three years for rendering an account 'silent' was considered justified to avoid un necessary burden of work in SB branches of Post Offices in balancing such accounts, resulting in sizeable operational costs.

(f) The amendments were published in Government of India Gezette extraordinary Part II Section 3 Sub-Section (i) under GSR No. 8 (E), dated 2-1-87. The amendment regarding silent accounts relate primarily to working procedures to be followed in Post Offices for which detailed instructions were issued.

Construction of youth hostels in Andhra Pradesh

492. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of youth hostels and their locations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct more youth hostels in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987-88; and

(c) if so, the details thereof with locations and the amount sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) At present, out of 18 youth hostels in the country, one youth hostel is, functioning at Secunderabad, A.E.